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Letter dated 23 February 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of the agreement on the settlement of the crisis in Ukraine, signed in Kiev on 21 February 2014 by the President of Ukraine, Viktor Yanukovych, and opposition leaders and witnessed by the representatives of France, Germany and Poland (see annex).

The urgency of the request for circulation is motivated by the deepening crisis in Ukraine and the need for its settlement.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Vitaly **Churkin**

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Annex to the letter dated 23 February 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

[Original: Russian]

Agreement on the Settlement of the Crisis in Ukraine

Concerned at the tragic loss of life in Ukraine,

Seeking an immediate end to the bloodshed,

Determined to pave the way for a political resolution of the crisis,

We, the undersigned parties, have agreed as follows:

1. Within 48 hours of the signing of this Agreement, a special law will be adopted, signed and promulgated which will restore the operation of the Ukrainian Constitution of 2004, together with amendments made up to that time. The signatories declare their intention to create a coalition and form a National Unity Government within 10 days thereafter.

2. Constitutional reform balancing the powers of the President, the Government and the Parliament will start immediately and be completed in September 2014.

3. Presidential elections will be held as soon as the new Constitution of Ukraine is adopted, but no later than December 2014. New electoral legislation will be passed and a new Central Election Commission will be constituted on a basis of proportionality and in accordance with Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and Venice Commission rules.

4. Investigation into recent acts of violence will be conducted under joint monitoring by the authorities, the opposition and the Council of Europe.

5. The authorities will not impose a state of emergency. The authorities and the opposition will refrain from the use of violence.

The Parliament of Ukraine will adopt a third amnesty, covering the same range of offences as the Act of 17 February 2014.

Both parties will undertake serious efforts for the normalisation of life in the cities and villages by withdrawing from administrative and public buildings and unblocking streets, city parks and squares.

Illegal weapons must be surrendered to organs of the Ukraine Ministry of Internal Affairs within 24 hours of the entry into force of the special law (see paragraph 1 of this Agreement).

On expiry of that period, all cases of illegal carrying and possession of weapons will fall under the Ukrainian legislation in force. The forces of the authorities and the opposition will withdraw from positions of confrontation. The authorities will use the forces of law and order exclusively for the physical protection of buildings housing government bodies.

6. The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of France, Germany and Poland, and the Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation, call for an immediate end to all violence and confrontation.

Kyiv, 21 February 2014

For the authorities:

(*Signed*) Viktor **Yanukovych**
President of Ukraine

For the Opposition:

(*Signed*) Vitaliy **Klichko**
Leader of the UDAR party

(*Signed*) Arseniy **Yatseniuk**
Leader of the All-Ukrainian Fatherland Union (Batkivshchyna)

(*Signed*) Oleh **Tyahnybok**
Leader of the All-Ukrainian Freedom Union (Svoboda)

Witnessed by:

For the European Union:

(*Signed*) Frank-Walter **Steinmeier**
Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany

(*Signed*) Radoslaw **Sikorski**
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Poland

(*Signed*) Eric **Fournier**
Director
Continental Europe Directorate
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France